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MAJOR PROGRAMME 1. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 6. Elimination of apartheid

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and subsequently revised by the Assembly in its resolution 47/214 of 23 December 1992 and issued in document A/47/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

4. The ultimate objective of the international community as expressed in the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council since 6 November 1962, when the Special Committee against Apartheid was established, was the total elimination of the apartheid system in South Africa through peaceful means and the establishment of a united, non-racial and democratic society in which all the people of South Africa, irrespective of race, colour or creed, enjoyed the same fundamental freedoms and human rights. That final objective was achieved with the entry into force on 27 April 1994 of South Africa's first non-racial and democratic constitution, the holding of the first universal suffrage elections in South Africa from 26 to 29 April 1994, and the

establishment of a Government of National Unity in May 1994. In its resolution 48/258 A of 23 June 1994, the General Assembly terminated the Special Committee against Apartheid and removed from the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session the item entitled "Elimination of apartheid and establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa".

5. Programme 6, Elimination of apartheid is therefore terminated.

6. In its resolution 48/258 B of 23 June 1994, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa that its functions be discontinued and that the remaining funds of the Trust Fund be transferred to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA) to be used for the purposes of that Programme, and that residual administrative matters relating to the programme of the Trust Fund be handled by the Secretariat unit responsible for UNETPSA.

7. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 48/160 of 20 December 1993, UNETPSA is expected to continue for a number of years in spite of the establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa and would be included in the annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

8. The Department for Development Support and Management Services, which until now has been entrusted with operational responsibility for UNETPSA, has been given overall responsibility for the Programme.